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1. PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING REUTER (MANILA), AMB NEWSOM INDICATED THURS HE
WILL SOON BE LEAVING TO BECOME UNDER SECY OF STATE FOR POL
AFFAIRS. ADDRESSING MANILA FOR CORRESPONDENTS ASSN, HE
SAID: "I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DENY THE REPORT. BUT
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NEITHER AM I IN A POSITION TO CONFIRM IT. BUT ON THE
ASSUMPTION THAT THE REPORT IS REASONABLY ACCURATE, I AM
SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY AT LEAST WITH THE POSSIBILITY IN MIND
THAT MY SERVICE HERE...WILL BE SHORTER THAN I HAD PLANNED."

REUTER (MANILA) QUOTES "DIPLO SOURCES" THERE TO SAME
EFFECT.

2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTED 3/9 THAT PRES CARTER, IN MESSAGE CONGRATULATING HUA KUO-FENG ON REAPPOINTMENT AS PREMIER, EXPRESSED US COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZING RELS W/PRC ON BASIS SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. "I CONSIDER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWN OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO BE A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN OUR GLOBAL POLICY AND

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE EXPANSION OF FRIENDLY TIES BETWN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES WILL SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN ASIA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD," CARTER'S MESSAGE READ (REUTER HK).

ACCORDING STATEMENT RELEASED FROM OFFICE OF SEN KENNEDY (D-MASS), PRC WILL PERMIT CHINESE CITIZEN WING SETO TO LEAVE COUNTRY/JOIN PARENTS IN BOSTON. WING CASE ONE OF 22 OF DIVIDED FAMILIES KENNEDY RAISED W/PEKING OFFICIALS DURING JAN VISIT (WP).

LONE HIJACKER SHOT DEAD 3/9 WHEN HE TRIED OVER TAKE ROC AIRLINER ON FLIGHT TO HK, ACCORDING WELL INFORMED SOURCES. SOURCES SAID HIJACKER SHOT BY MEMBER OF CREW/THAT PILOT-FLIGHT ENGINEER WOUNDED. HIJACKER ALSO BELIEVED MEMBER OF CREW. MOTIVES FOR HIJACKING NOT KNOWN. ACCORDING HK AIRPORT POLICE, EVERYTHING NOW UNDER CONTROL (MAJENDIE UNCLASSIFIED

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REUTER HK).

ROC DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN THURS DENIED REPORTS FROM ISRAEL/US THAT ROC TRYING BUY ISRAELI-PRODUCED KFIR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. IN WASHINGTON, USG OFFICIALS SAID SALE WAS DISCUSSED WHEN ISRAELI DEFMIN WEIZMAN MET DEFENSE SECY BROWN 3/8. TEL AVIV REPORTS SAID ROC WANTED 50 KFIR FIGHTERS, WHICH HAVE US ENGINES (REUTER TAIPEI).

3. KOREA

REP CAPUTO (R-NY) SAID WEDS THAT SECY VANCE SHOULD BE CALLED BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE'S DOING SEEK TESTIMONY FORMER SK AMB KIM DONG JO.

ACCORDING NYDN'S VOLZ, CAPUTO SAID 3 DAYS CLOSED-DOOR TESTIMONY FROM TONGSUN PARK "MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OTHER SOUTH KOREANS WERE DOING WHAT PARK WAS DOING, MAKING PAYMENTS TO CONGRESSMEN." VOLZ SAYS BOTH CAPUTO/JAWORSKI FEEL TESTIMONY AMB KIM/KCIA OFFICIALS ESSENTIAL TO CLEAR UP SCANDAL, BUT ETHICS CMTE MUST GO THRU DOS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THEM. SAYS VANCE/OTHER DOS OFFICIALS HAVE MET W/SK AUTHORITIES BUT "THERE HAVE BEEN NO BREAKTHROUGHS." SAYS DOS FEARS THAT ASKING SK WAIVE DIPLO IMMUNITY COULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, BUT THAT CAPUTO SEEMED BE SIGNALING SOFTENING OF HIS POSITION WEDS WHEN HE SAID AMB KIM WOULD NOT HAVE TO TESTIFY BEFORE CMTE, COULD GIVE

STATEMENT SOMEWHERE ELSE--BUT UNDER SOME PRESSURE TESTIFY TRUTHFULLY, SUCH AS PENALTY IN EVENT OF PERJURY.

SEN TOWER (R-TEX) WITHDRAWS FROM PARTICIPATING IN SENATE ETHICS CMTE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING AFTER PANEL REQUESTED SOME OF HIS RECORDS. IN PREPARED STATEMENT, TOWER SAID HE WAS DISQUALIFYING HIMSELF FROM "PORTION DEALING WITH THE KOREAN INFLUENCE MATTER" BECAUSE OF HIS "ACKNOWLEDGED PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTAIN KOREAN NATIONALS."

IN STATEMENT TO PRESS, SEN STEVENSON (D-ILL) SAID TOWER'S ACTION "IMPLIES NO SUGGESTIONS" BY CMTE THAT HE IS GUILTY OF "ANY IMPROPRIETY OF ANY KIND" (UPI, WP).

WSTAR'S TAYLOR (3/8) SAYS BOTH STEVENSON/TOWER SUGGESTED TOWER HAD VOLUNTARILY STEPPED DOWN, BUT THAT OTHER CMTE SOURCES INDICATED THAT UNDER SENATE RULES, TOWER HAD NO CHOICE BUT EXCUSE HIMSELF DURING KOREAN INVESTIGATION. QUOTES TOWER THAT THERE HAD NEVER BEEN ANY "ILLEGAL, UNETHICAL OR IMPROPER ADVANCES" MADE BY KOREANS TO HIM, THAT HE TOOK ACTION "TO PRESERVE CREDIBILITY" OF CMTE REVIEW/WILL "COOPERATE FULLY" W/CMTE.

4. JAPAN

GOJ WARNED US 3/9 IT MAY TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION IF DISPUTE OVER CARGO AIRCRAFT SERVICES BETWN TWO NATIONS NOT SETTLED IN TALKS NEXT WK. TRANSPORT MINISTRY TERMED "REGRETTABLE" CAB RECOMMENDATION TO PRES CARTER THAT JAL CARGO FLIGHTS BETWN TOKYO/SAN FRANCISCO BE CUT BY THREE WKLY IN EACH DIRECTION (REUTER TOKYO).

ISAO SOEJIMA, MARUBENI CORP EXEC, TOLD COURT INVESTIGATING LOCKHEED PAYOFF SCANDAL THAT HE ARRANGED AUG '72 MEETING BETWN THEN PM TANAKA/THEN MARUBENI CORP PRES HIRO HIYAMA (REUTER TOKYO 3/8).

BANK OF JAPAN REPORTED TO PLAN CUT OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE BY 0.75 PCT POINT NEXT WK. MEASURE BEING TAKEN AS PART EFFORT SUPPORT US DOL (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

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HERSHEY (NYT LONDON) REPORTS UK DISTRIBUTORS OF JAPANESE CARS RESPONDING ANGRILY TO AGREEMENT LIMITING IMPORTS OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURED AUTOS INTO UK. ACCORDING ONE DATSUN DEALER, OTHER FOM AUTO EXPORTERS WILL SIMPLY FILL

GAP RESULTING FROM AGREEMENT.

SONY CORP REPORTED TO ANNOUNCE IT HAS BECOME SALES AGENT IN JAPAN FOR GLOBAL NAVIGATION, INC OF CALIF (REUTER TOKYO 3/8).

TREASURY DEPT ANNOUNCES IT HAS BEGUN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION INTO IMPORTS OF NYLON YARN FROM JAPAN. INVESTIGATION TRIGGERED BY DU PONT CO COMPLAINT THAT TWO JAPANESE FIRMS SOLD THEIR YARN IN US AT PRICES BELOW THEIR COSTS OR JAPANESE DOMESTIC PRICES (WSJ).

5. JAPAN/PACIFIC ISLANDS

LAT'S HILLINGER (PONAPE 3/8) DOES PIECE ON EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDERS STILL AWAITING SETTLEMENT WWII CLAIMS OF LOSS OF LIFE/PROPERTY/WAGES. SAYS OF MORE THAN 11,000 CLAIMS FILED/ACCEPTED BY MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, ALMOST HALF PAID, BUT CLAIMS TOTALING 37 MIL DOLS STILL OUTSTANDING--MAINLY BECAUSE OF JAPAN'S RELUCTANCE PAY ITS SHARE. SAYS SO FAR JAPAN HAS PAID ONLY 5 MIL DOLS; US 25 MIL DOLS. NOTES PRES CARTER RECENTLY SIGNED BILL AUTHORIZING PAYMENT ANOTHER 24.8 MIL DOLS IF JAPAN WILL PAY 12.17 MIL--"TREMENDOUS GOODWILL GESTURE" ON PART OF US, ACCORD WAR CLAIMS CONSULTANT. UNTIL NOW, JAPAN REFUSED PAY ANY ADDITIONAL CLAIMS ON GROUND THAT CLAIMS MORE THAN OFFSET BY LOSSES JAPANESE PROPERTY ABANDONED AT WAR'S END.

6. JAPAN/NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) SAYS NZ IS PLAYING "SQUID PRO QUO" W/JAPAN OVER ACCESS TO RICH FISHING GROUNDS OFF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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COAST IN RETURN FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO LUCRATIVE JAPAN MKT FOR BEEF/DAIRY/FORESTRY PRODUCTS. BUT NOTES TACTIC HAS FAILED BUDGE JAPAN/DRAWN CRITICISM AT HOME OF "HEAVY-HANDEDNESS" BY PM MULDOON. SAYS INDICATIONS ARE THAT JAPAN PLAYING WAITING GAME BEFORE APPROVING TOKEN RELAXATION IN BARRIERS AGAINST NZ AGRIC PROD.

7. INDONESIA

STUDENT SOURCES REPORTED THURS THAT GOI TROOPS STORMED JAKARTA HIGH SCHOOL/ATTACKED STUDENTS IN ATTEMPT FORCE THEM ABANDON ANTI-GOVT STRIKE. AT LEAST 10 STUDENTS REPORTED INJURED. BUT ARMY DENIED STUDENT CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR COLLEAGUES DIED IN DETENTION AND IN CLASHES W/TROOPS. SAID CLAIMS AIMED AT DAMAGING GOI'S IMAGE PRIOR TO EXPECTED RE-ELECTION SUHARTO ON SAT (REUTER JAKARTA).

8. CAMBODIA

IN COMPROMISE DECISION BETWN WESTERN-SUPPORTED BRITISH
DEMAND FOR SPEC INVESTIGATOR TO MAKE STUDY OF REPORTED

RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CAMBODIA/RELUCTANCE COMMUNIST/3RD
WORLD COUNTRIES TO TAKE ACTION, UNHRC ASKED CAMBODIA WEDS
FOR ITS "COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS" ON REPORTS OF MASS
ARBITRARY ARRESTS/SUMMARY EXECUTIONS. REQUESTED REPLY
BE AVAILABLE FOR ITS NEXT SESSION, 1 YR FROM NOW/CALLED
ON SEC GEN WALDHEIM SUPPLY IT W/ALL INFO AVAILABLE TO HIM
BY THAT TIME ON CAMBODIAN SITUATION (NYT SPEC GENEVA).

9. GENERAL

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MORE THAN 200 DELS TO INTL PRESS INSTITUTE GEN ASSEMBLY,
BEING HELD CANBERRA, TACKLED ISSUE WEDS OF WHETHER
WESTERN-STYLE JOURNALISM SUITS NEWS-GATHERING/REPORTING
OPRNS IN DEVELOPING NATIONS OF 3RD WORLD. AP PRES/GEN MGR
FULLER SAID COVERAGE 3RD WORLD WOULD BE EASED BY BETTER
UNDERSTANDING BETWN JOURNALISTS OF DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING
WORLD. SAID REPORTING INHIBITED BY "IMPLICIT CENSORSHIP,
THE SELF-DEFEATING BUT COMMON PRACTICE OF INHIBITING NEWS
COVERAGE BY DENYING CORRESPONDENTS ACCESS" TO HI-LEVEL
OFFICIALS (REUTER CANBERRA 3/8).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) OBSERVES THAT ALTHO HUA KUO-FENG'S
CLAIM AS MAO'S SUCCESSOR STRENGTHENED BY HIS REAPPOINTMENT
PREMIER, MUCH OF HIS PUBLIC ROLE STILL SEEMS CONCERNED
W/APPEARANCE RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE. NOTES WHEN FON STATES-
MEN VISIT PEKING, HUA GREETES THEM AS PROTOCOL DEMANDS, BUT
SUBSTANTIVE TALKS LEFT TO OTHER CHINESE, NOTABLY TENG
HSIAO-PING. ALTHO CONGRESS LEFT TENG WHERE HE HAD BEEN,
BUTTERFIELD SAYS IN APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER MINISTERIAL
POSTS/ADOPTING OF NEW CONSTITUTION, NPC APPEARED FOLLOW
TENG'S DIRECTIONS. ALTHO PRECISE NATURE OF TENG'S
RELATIONSHIP TO HUA NOT CLEAR, APPEARS TENG HAS CONCLUDED--
GIVEN HIS ADVANCED AGE--TO FOREGO PERSONAL HONOR IN FAVOR
OF GROOMING HUA AS COUNTRY'S LONG-TERM LEADER.

CSM EDIT OBSERVES DESPITE UNCERTAINTIES OF HUA/TENG POWER
RIVALRY, APPEARS PRC SENT ON PATH OF "NEW PRAGMATISM."
PEKING SEEN AS REACHING OUT TO WORLD--FOR INSTANCE TENG'S
RECENT TRIPS BURMA/NEPAL. THUS, WESTERN NATIONS MUST
BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN DESTINY OF THIS "POTENTIAL
SUPERPOWER." SAYS US HAS DELAYED COMING TO TERMS W/"CHINA

PROBLEM" BUT CONCLUDES IT CANNOT POSTPONE QUESTION IN-
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DEFINITELY.

MATHEWS (LAT HK 3/8) DOES FEATURE ON CHINESE PRACTICE OF
USING PERSONAL/POL CONNECTIONS TO WHEELDE FAVORS/CUT
THRU BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE/SECURE COMMODITIES THAT WOULD
OTHERWISE BE UNAVAILABLE. SO PREVALENT IS "TSOU HOU MEN"
THAT THESE DEALS FUNCTION AS SECOND ECONOMY, THUS
LEAVENING AUSTERITY OF FORMAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
DICTATED BY CENTRAL AUTHORITIES. ALSO OBSERVES THAT
EXISTENCE THIS PRACTICE SUGGESTS PRC NOT MONOLITH AS
PEOPLE IMAGINE. GIVES SEVERAL INSTANCES PRACTICE--FROM
SECURING SCARCE COMMODITIES LIKE COTTON/SOAP TO EXIT
VISAS TO HK.

11. CHINA/KOREA

YALE PROF EMERITUS DAVID ROWE RESPONDS TO COHEN LTR TO
NYT (SEE EA SUMMARY 2/28) WHICH ADVOCATED US SEVERING
TIES W/ROC ON DIPLO FRONT WHILE IMPLICITLY ASSURING TAIWAN
AGAINST TAKEOVER BY PRC. SAYS SUCH MOVE WOULD CERTAINLY
INEVITABLY LEAD TO WAR/PRC'S TAKEOVER OF ROC.

ROWE ADVOCATES, INSTEAD, MAINTAINING "PRESENT STABILIZED
IMPASSE" RE TAIWAN/ALSO KOREA. SAYS US SHOULD NOT W/DRAW
TROOPS FROM SK AS PRC COULD NOT TAKE ON US/ROC AT SAME
TIME. ADDITIONALLY, IF PRC TRIED, WOULD RUN RISK OF SOVIET
INVASION ALONG BORDER.

12. KOREA

WP'S ZITO INTERVIEWS TONGSUN PARK'S LAWYER WM HUNDLEY WHO
CONTENDS PARK "JUST A BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS TRYING TO PRO-
TECT KOREAN RICE INTERESTS." QUOTES HUNDLEY THAT "ONLY
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REAONS FOR A LAWYER TO BE AROUND IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS
IS TO MAKE SURE A GUY DOESN'T PERJURE HIMSELF." W/PARK,
HUNDLEY SAYS, "YOU TRY TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE"/SINCE HE'S
BEEN GIVEN IMMUNITY, "AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO VISIT HIM
IN JAIL"; HE'S "A HELL OF A GUY."

ZITO QUOTES FORMER HUNDLEY ASSOCIATE WHO CALLS HIM "A
VERY EFFECTIVE WILL ROGERS," SAYS NOT MANY LAWYERS WHO
DON'T RESPECT HIS PROWESS.

13. PHILIPPINES

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS BY ALLOWING AQUINO CAMPAIGN FOR NATL ASSEMBLY ELECTION, MARCOS HAS PUT SOME OLD FIRE BACK INTO PHIL POLITICS/OPENED ADMIN TO OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS DANGERS. FINDS AQUINO HAS WON WIDE SYMPATHY/FON PRESS ATTENTION BY PUTTING 7-YR-OLD DAUGHTER ON STUMP. NOTES THIS WK, CANDIDATES HAVE BEGUN AIM AT CIA W/ENRILE

ACCUSING AQUINO OF HAVING CONFESSED TO HAVING LINKS TO CIA. MATHEWS SAYS SO FAR GOP HAS FAILED PRODUCE ANY SOLID EVIDENCE OF AQUINO'S INVOLVEMENT W/CIA. FEELS OPPOSITION SLATE HAS LITTLE HOPE OF VICTORY, THO SOME POLLS SUGGEST AQUINO MIGHT HAVE CHANGE WINNING ASSEMBLY SEAT.

14. INDONESIA

IN 1ST OF 2 ARTICLES ON UPCOMING INDO ELECTION, JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) SAYS GOI'S "WEEK OF TRANQUILITY" ENSURING PEACEFUL SURROUNDING FOR 3/11 MEET OF PEOPLE'S CONSULTATIVE CONGRESS. REPORTS UNIV STUDENTS CONTINUE PROTEST SUHARTO'S REGIME WHILE MIL HELICOPTERS FLY OVER CAMPUSES/TROOPS STAND PREPARED INTERVENE IF NEEDED. RECALLS US AMB MASTERS RECENTLY PRAISED SUHARTO'S YRS LEADERSHIP AS "PRAGMATIC, COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT," REPRESENTING FORESAKING RADICAL IDEOLOGY. DEVOTES REST UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PIECE TO RECENT INDO HISTORY/PROBLEMS. VANCE

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